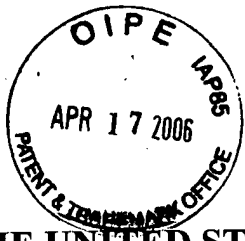


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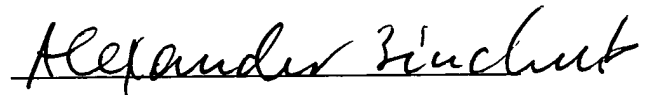
Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 28, 2006 and setting forth a one-month period for response. The Notice points out that some of the amended paragraphs of the specification do not include markings and that some claims do not have proper identifiers.

Enclosed herewith are sections of the amendments to the specification and claims in which the deficiencies pointed out in the Notice are eliminated.

Specifically, the replaced paragraphs of the specification are provided with proper markings and claims 3-6 are provided with proper identifiers.

Respectfully submitted,

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